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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, information relating to the above-identified application is hereby disclosed. Inclusion of information in this statement is not to be construed as an admission that this information is material as that term is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

In accordance with § 1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed either within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, within three months of the date of entry into the national stage of the above-identified application as set forth in §1.491, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application, no additional fee is required.

In accordance with §1.98(d), copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 are not enclosed herewith because they were previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial No. 09/767,314 for which a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 has been made in the instant application.

Respectfully Submitted.

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Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

- 1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (1 page)
- Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO 1449 (1 page) 2.

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